

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003, kindly enter the foregoing amendment and consider the following remarks. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.112, Applicants request reconsideration of each and every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

The Office Action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. In this Amendment, claims 1-18 have been canceled, claims 19-42 have been added. Thus claims 19-42 are pending and are at issue herein. In view of these amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

OBJECTION TO THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Applicants have submitted herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement providing information regarding the German references. More specifically, U.S. Patent No. 5,644,488 claims priority to and is presumed to be correlative with DE 19512440. Further, an English translation of the abstract has been submitted for DE 19537991. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the information supplied by the Applicants.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because they provide description in a non-English language. Applicants have submitted new formal drawings providing descriptions in English. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this objection.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner has objected to the specification under 37 U.S.C. §1.72(b) for not containing an Abstract. As indicated above, the Applicants have submitted a substitute

specification which amends the specification into the format consistent with U.S. practice. The substitute specification includes an Abstract. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this objection.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

The Examiner has objected to Claims 4, 5, 9-15 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependent form. As noted above, the Applicants have cancelled these claims, and submitted new claims incorporating the subject matter of the former claims but placing them in normal dependent format. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this objection, and consider the claims on their merits.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §112

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As previously noted, the Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-18 and have submitted new claims incorporating the subject matter of the former claims, but placing them in proper format. The specific rejections indicated by the Examiner have been appropriately dealt with. The Applicants have verified all the claims for 112 problems as requested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 6 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Braun (U.S. Patent No. 6,398,318). The Examiner has rejected Claim 3 over Braun in view of Eckert (U.S. Patent No. 5,862,503). The Examiner has relied on the Braun reference for the teaching of detection of a diagonal axle twist.

Although the rejected claims have been cancelled and therefore the rejection

is considered moot, the subject matter of the rejected claims has been incorporated into the newly added claims. The Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to paragraphs 32-39 of the specification for further information regarding a diagonal axle twist. As described in the specification when the diagonally opposite front wheel and rear wheel loose contact to the ground, these two wheels spin so as to prevent any drive torque from being applied to the two wheels touching the ground. Such is one example of diagonal axle twist.

By way of further example, independent Claim 28 recites the step of comparing the characteristic of each of the individual driven wheels, the characteristic being at least of one of wheel slip, rotating behavior and changes in rotating behavior. As recited in Claim 29, when the rotating behavior includes the traction slip of the individual wheels, the additional step of determining whether the traction slip is greater than a specified limit value is employed. As recited in Claims 30 and 31, the characteristics of at least two transversely opposite wheels and of at least two diagonally opposite wheels are compared.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Braun, nor any of the other cited references, teaches a detection of a diagonal axle twist. Rather, the Braun references is directed to a method for checking or monitoring a braking system using sensors of a slip-control system so that no additional sensors are necessary. (column 2, lines 29-39). No where is it disclosed that a diagonal axle twist is detected. For these reasons, the Applicants assert that none of the references teach every element of the claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner favorably reconsider and allow new Claims 19-42.

CONCLUSION

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the specification is in order and that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Attorney of the Applicants at the earliest convenience of

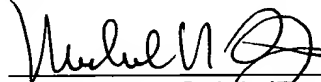
the Examiner.

Applicants have calculated no fees to be presently due in connection with the filing of this Paper. However, Applicant(s) has authorized charging of any fee deficiency to the deposit account of Applicant's assignee, Visteon Global Technologies, Inc., as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,



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